

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT

By the current amendment, Applicants basically:

1. Amend claims 7, 8, 19, 21 – 23, 25 – 27, and 29.
2. Respectfully traverse all prior art rejections.

B. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

In all pending (not withdrawn) claims (e.g., claims 7-8 and 19-29) the following claim language substitutions occur by Amendment:

- “controlling apparatus” has been amended to “host computer”; and
- “apparatus to be controlled” has been amended to “peripheral”.

The claim amendments are amply supported by the original disclosure. For example, a “personal computer” is described in the original disclosure as an example of “controlling apparatus” (e.g. page 22, line 25 to page 23, line 1). A “peripheral” is described in the original disclosure as an example of “apparatus to be controlled” (e.g. page 23, lines 2-4)

C. PATENTABILITY OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 7-8 and 19-29 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication 2003/0184784 to Ferlitsch. All prior art rejections are respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

The specification generally concerns, e.g., a control method of using a controlling apparatus (e.g., a host computer which can be a personal computer) so as to control an apparatus to be controlled (e.g., a peripheral device) by the controlling apparatus; an apparatus to be controlled (e.g., the peripheral) using the method; and a control system provided with the apparatus. In particular the specification concerns a control method, an apparatus to be controlled (e.g., a peripheral), and a control system in accordance with an interface standard such as USB having a plug-and-play function” (page 1, lines 13-20).

Conventional control methods have problems of adjusting to a new connection of an attached device to the apparatus to be controlled or a specification change in the apparatus to be controlled” (e.g. page 3, line 18 to page 4, line 21; especially page 4, lines 5-7). In terms of the amended claim language, conventional control methods have problems of adjusting to a new connection of an attached device to a peripheral or a specification changed for the peripheral.

Such problems are overcome by the subject matter of applicants’ independent claims, but not by Ferlitsch.

The present amendment with its precise reference to host computer and a peripheral (controlled by the host computer) defeats the prior art rejection premised on U.S. Publication 2003/0184784 to Ferlitsch. The office action indicates that the Ferlitsch computer device corresponds to the claimed “apparatus to be controlled”, the Ferlitsch printer driver source corresponds to the claimed “controlling apparatus”, and the Ferlitsch printer device corresponds to the “device attached to the apparatus to be controlled”. Thus, Ferlitsch does not meet the independent claim limitations as now amended and thus does not anticipate nor render obvious the subject matter of the independent claims.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, all claims are deemed in condition for allowance. A formal indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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